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PETSKA, CONCKLIN SELECTED FOR KEY IRS POSITIONS

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service announced today the selection of Thomas B. Petska as the new director of the Statistics and Income Division and Bert M. Concklin as the director of the Office of Competitive Sourcing. Both programs are part of IRS National Headquarters.

Petska has served as the acting director of Statistics and Income since March 2001. As director, he is responsible for managing and directing the agency's national statistical program, which involves budgeting and managing more than 50 statistical programs and related functions. He also serves as the division's principal liaison to the National Tax Association, the American Statistical Association and the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Before his acting assignment as director, Petska was chief of the division's Special Studies Branch. He was responsible for IRS statistical studies for areas such as estates, personal wealth, gift taxes, foreign trusts and non-profit organizations. In all, he has more than 21 years experience in SOL.

Prior to his work at IRS, Petska was an economist in the Social Security Administration's Division of Economic Research, and he worked at the Bureau of Economic Analysis at the Commerce Department. He has a bachelor's degree in economics from Wabash College and a master's degree in economics from Purdue University.

Concklin is the first director of the Office of Competitive Sourcing. The new program compares private sector and government bids to determine the most cost effective way to buy services through the purchasing process. The competitive sourcing program is a key component of IRS' business process reengineering efforts.

Concklin served previously as the associate commissioner for the IRS Business Systems Modernization program and has been involved in directing the development and acquisition of new information systems for modernization.

Before joining the IRS, Concklin was president of the Professional Services Council, a national trade association that represents companies in the professional and technical services sector. He also served as assistant secretary/deputy assistant secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and director of Information Systems with the Office of Management and Budget. Concklin has a bachelor's degree in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy.

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